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LABOR MARKET DIGEST

January Data

March 2002

Year-End Review of Labor Market Conditions in Maine

Labor market conditions in Maine slipped in 2001 as the national economy slid into recession in March 2001. The annual average unemployment rate for Maine was 4.0 percent in 2001, up from 3.5 percent in 2000.

Unemployment rates were lowest in southern and coastal regions in 2001, with Cumberland, Knox, Lincoln, Sagadahoc, and York counties all recording rates below the statewide average of 4.0 percent. Other county rates ranged from 4.0 percent in Kennebec and Waldo counties to 8.1 percent in Washington County (see related graph on page 8).

The number of nonfarm wage and salary jobs in Maine, which rose steadily between 1992 and 2000, continued to increase during the first half of 2001, reaching a seasonally-adjusted high point of 610,800 in July, declining thereafter to 608,100 in December. Despite the loss of jobs in the last half of 2001, nonfarm wage and salary jobs averaged 609,400 for the year 2001, up 5,900 from 603,500 for 2000. The net gain of 5,900 jobs was the smallest since 1996.

Continuing a long-term trend, the service-producing sector provided most of the job growth between 2000 and 2001, with a net gain of 9,600 jobs. Within the service-producing sector, most of the major industry divisions (transportation, communication, and public utilities; retail trade; finance, insurance, and real estate; services; and government) recorded job gains. The number of jobs in wholesale trade dropped slightly.

Services industries accounted for nearly half of the net gain in service-producing sector jobs. Health, educational, and social services accounted for most of the job gain in services. Jobs in business services, which has been among the fastest growing industries in Maine for more than a decade, declined in 2001.

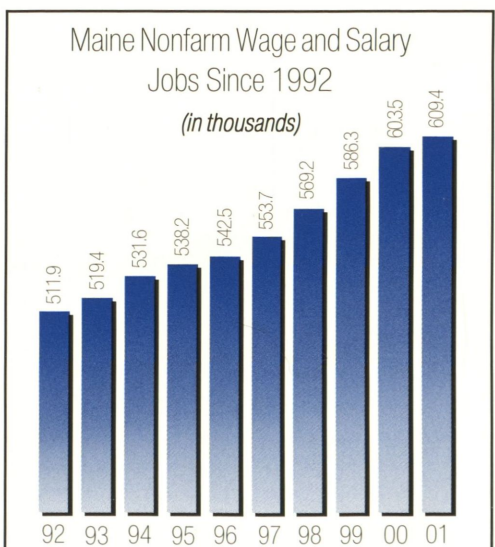
Among other service-producing sector industries of note, the number of jobs in nondepository credit institutions (including nonbank credit card issuers) continued an eight-year pattern of rapid growth, and jobs in local government continued to expand. Jobs in general merchandise stores declined as

some of the large national and regional chains closed stores.

The goods-producing sector of the economy is usually more negatively impacted by economic slowdowns than the service-producing sector, and 2001 was no exception. Goods-producing industries cut 3,700 jobs between 2000 and 2001.

Manufacturing industries shed 4,000 jobs, with most of the losses in forest products, leather products, and electrical and electronic equipment industries. Leather products industries eliminated 1,100 jobs in 2001, as Bass, Dexter, and other shoe manufacturers closed operations in several communities, moving some of the production out of country. Electrical and electronic equipment manufacturers cut 1,000 jobs as businesses cut back on purchases of computers and other technical equipment. Forest products industries, including logging, sawmills, and paper mills, lost a combined 1,200 jobs.

Construction, which often records significant job losses during recessionary periods, bucked the trend, adding 300 jobs. Special trades construction added 900 jobs as low mortgage rates boosted housing construction, more than offsetting a small job loss in heavy construction.



Civilian Labor Force, Employed, and Unemployed by Labor Market Area, Not Seasonally Adjusted

AREA	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ¹			EMPLOYED ²			UNEMPLOYED ³			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE ⁴		
	Jan 02	Dec 01	Jan 01	Jan 02	Dec 01	Jan 01	Jan 02	Dec 01	Jan 01	Jan 02	Dec 01	Jan 01
LABOR MARKET AREAS												
Augusta	46,390	46,180	46,480	44,270	44,480	44,410	2,110	1,710	2,070	4.6%	3.7%	4.5%
Bangor MSA	51,800	52,900	52,300	50,100	51,500	50,500	1,700	1,400	1,800	3.3	2.6	3.4
Bath-Brunswick	34,110	33,940	34,910	32,720	32,910	33,800	1,390	1,030	1,110	4.1	3.0	3.2
Belfast	18,280	18,540	17,710	17,260	17,760	16,790	1,020	780	920	5.6	4.2	5.2
Biddeford	38,350	39,860	38,490	36,750	38,620	37,180	1,600	1,240	1,310	4.2	3.1	3.4
Boothbay Harbor	8,380	8,750	8,410	8,040	8,450	8,080	340	300	340	4.1	3.4	4.0
Bucksport	5,070	4,800	5,180	4,800	4,640	4,910	270	160	270	5.3	3.4	5.2
Calais	4,880	5,040	4,980	4,340	4,690	4,330	540	350	640	11.0	7.0	12.9
Dexter-Pittsfield	12,760	12,090	12,440	11,120	11,110	11,240	1,640	980	1,200	12.8	8.1	9.6
Dover-Foxcroft	7,210	7,000	7,290	6,640	6,580	6,730	570	420	560	7.9	5.9	7.6
Ellsworth-Bar Harbor	18,670	20,200	18,490	17,090	19,060	16,780	1,580	1,150	1,710	8.4	5.7	9.2
Farmington	16,990	17,240	17,210	16,050	16,210	16,130	950	1,020	1,070	5.6	5.9	6.2
Fort Kent	4,000	4,390	3,940	3,790	4,190	3,730	210	190	210	5.2	4.4	5.3
Greenville	980	990	960	910	890	890	70	100	60	7.0	10.2	6.4
Houlton	6,020	6,030	6,100	5,840	5,810	5,880	180	230	220	3.0	3.7	3.6
Jonesport-Milbridge	4,010	4,280	4,050	3,590	4,030	3,460	420	240	590	10.4	5.7	14.5
Kittery-York ⁵	21,040	20,810	20,910	20,410	20,220	20,480	640	590	440	3.0	2.8	2.1
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	53,700	53,700	54,800	51,400	51,600	52,800	2,300	2,200	1,900	4.3	4.0	3.5
Lincoln-Howland	5,840	5,770	5,880	5,510	5,480	5,510	330	290	370	5.7	5.1	6.3
Machias-Eastport	6,660	6,920	6,350	5,900	6,420	5,800	760	500	540	11.4	7.2	8.5
Madawaska	3,720	3,670	3,690	3,560	3,540	3,540	170	130	150	4.4	3.5	4.1
Millinocket-East Millinocket	4,910	4,880	4,960	4,580	4,560	4,570	330	320	390	6.7	6.5	7.9
Norway-Paris	11,700	11,750	11,850	10,840	11,050	11,270	860	700	580	7.4	5.9	4.9
Outer Bangor	9,080	9,330	8,940	8,520	8,880	8,390	560	450	550	6.2	4.8	6.1
Patten-Island Falls	1,880	1,950	1,850	1,760	1,780	1,740	120	160	110	6.4	8.3	6.1
Portland MSA	136,500	138,600	136,800	132,700	135,100	134,200	3,700	3,500	2,600	2.7	2.5	1.9
Presque Isle-Caribou	20,790	20,830	20,580	19,700	19,840	19,600	1,090	990	990	5.2	4.8	4.8
Rockland	22,780	22,950	22,740	21,900	22,230	21,950	880	720	790	3.9	3.1	3.5
Rumford	10,770	9,900	11,000	10,110	9,170	10,410	660	730	590	6.1	7.4	5.4
Sanford	22,940	21,660	22,940	21,090	19,970	21,720	1,850	1,690	1,220	8.1	7.8	5.3
Sebang Lakes Region	13,460	12,910	12,960	12,920	12,390	12,460	550	520	490	4.1	4.0	3.8
Skowhegan	16,040	15,920	16,080	14,660	14,660	14,790	1,380	1,260	1,290	8.6	7.9	8.0
Stonington	5,440	6,000	5,370	5,180	5,830	5,160	260	180	210	4.7	2.9	3.8
Van Buren	1,360	1,330	1,370	1,240	1,240	1,250	110	100	120	8.4	7.1	8.6
Waterville	25,020	25,150	24,800	23,660	24,010	23,610	1,360	1,140	1,190	5.4	4.5	4.8
MAINE	671,500	676,200	672,700	639,000	648,800	644,100	32,500	27,400	28,600	4.8	4.0	4.2
UNITED STATES (000)	141,074	141,912	141,049	132,139	134,235	134,462	8,935	7,678	6,587	6.3	5.4	4.7

¹ Civilian labor force, employed, and unemployed estimates are by place of residence. Current month estimates are preliminary; prior month and year-ago estimates are revised. Items may not add due to rounding. All data exclude members of the Armed Forces. MSA stands for Metropolitan Statistical Area.

² Total employment includes nonfarm wage and salary workers, agricultural workers, unpaid family workers, domestics, the self employed, and workers involved in labor disputes.

³ People are classified as unemployed, regardless of their eligibility for unemployment benefits or public assistance, if they meet all of the following criteria: 1) they were not employed during the survey week; 2) they were available for work at that time; and 3) they made specific efforts to find employment some time during the prior four weeks. Persons laid off from their former jobs and awaiting recall and those expecting to report to a job within 30 days need not be looking for work to be counted as unemployed.

⁴ The unemployment rate is calculated by dividing the total number of unemployed by the total civilian labor force, and is expressed as a percent.

⁵ Kittery-York is the five-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Rochester PMSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.

Source: Maine Department of Labor, Labor Market Information Services, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Civilian Labor Force, Employed, and Unemployed by County, Not Seasonally Adjusted¹

AREA	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
	Jan 02	Dec 01	Jan 01	Jan 02	Dec 01	Jan 01	Jan 02	Dec 01	Jan 01	Jan 02	Dec 01	Jan 01
COUNTY												
Androscoggin	60,060	60,100	61,150	57,390	57,620	58,920	2,660	2,480	2,220	4.4%	4.1%	3.6%
Aroostook	37,300	37,690	37,090	35,460	35,970	35,310	1,840	1,720	1,780	4.9	4.6	4.8
Cumberland	143,220	144,810	143,590	139,140	141,100	140,680	4,080	3,710	2,910	2.8	2.6	2.0
Franklin	14,290	14,510	14,530	13,570	13,690	13,640	730	820	890	5.1	5.7	6.1
Hancock	26,650	28,420	26,510	24,740	27,060	24,520	1,910	1,360	1,990	7.2	4.8	7.5
Kennebec	60,820	60,810	60,820	58,070	58,510	58,150	2,750	2,300	2,660	4.5	3.8	4.4
Knox	19,930	20,090	19,900	19,150	19,440	19,200	780	640	700	3.9	3.2	3.5
Lincoln	16,920	17,240	17,080	16,200	16,680	16,350	720	560	730	4.2	3.3	4.3
Oxford	27,000	25,940	27,110	25,260	24,320	25,760	1,730	1,620	1,350	6.4	6.3	5.0
Penobscot	78,750	79,660	78,840	74,830	76,570	75,120	3,920	3,090	3,720	5.0	3.9	4.7
Piscataquis	8,320	8,100	8,360	7,650	7,580	7,730	660	520	630	8.0	6.4	7.5
Sagadahoc	15,920	15,850	16,270	15,300	15,390	15,810	620	460	460	3.9	2.9	2.8
Somerset	25,440	25,120	25,400	23,150	23,200	23,320	2,290	1,920	2,080	9.0	7.6	8.2
Waldo	24,010	24,170	23,480	22,590	23,130	22,180	1,420	1,040	1,300	5.9	4.3	5.5
Washington	15,940	16,660	15,770	14,190	15,540	13,950	1,750	1,120	1,820	11.0	6.7	11.6
York	96,930	97,020	96,860	92,310	93,030	93,520	4,630	3,990	3,340	4.8	4.1	3.5
MAINE	671,500	676,200	672,700	639,000	648,800	644,100	32,500	27,400	28,600	4.8	4.0	4.2
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¹ See page 2 for footnotes 1 through 4 and source.

Area Analyst's Corner

Central Maine

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Service Merchandise in Augusta will close by the end of March, impacting 40 workers. ♦ **Northeast Health**, a division of Penobscot Bay Medical Center, through a combination of layoffs, reduced workweeks, and voluntary early retirements is eliminating the equivalent of 18 full-time positions at its Rockland facility. ♦ **SAPPI** paper mill in Skowhegan eliminated another 55 workers. ♦ The City of Gardiner has several new downtown businesses. **Berry and Berry Floral** and **Dunkin Donuts** are opening new outlets in the city, and a new fitness center will open soon. The **Tilbury Street Bar and Grille** recently opened.

Western Maine

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St. Dominic Regional High School, originally in Lewiston, opened for classes with about 300 students on January 7 at a new campus in Auburn. Approximately 33 people work at St. Dom's. ♦ The new **Central Maine Orthopaedics** office opened on Minot Avenue in Auburn in January. The office includes two operating rooms, pre-op and post-op facilities, clinical space, and a physical therapy section. ♦ **Bath Iron Works** laid off 50 designers. ♦ **Graves Supermarket** closed in Farmington putting 40 people out of work.

North/East Maine

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The Bangor area witnessed the end of an era with the closing last month of **Ansewn Shoe**. The last operating shoe manufacturing plant in the greater Bangor area laid off their remaining 85 production workers and ceased operations. As little as 20 years ago, a dozen shoe shops employed over 4,000 area workers. Less costly imported shoes put area manufacturers at a competitive disadvantage that they never overcame. ♦ **Aroostook Starch LLC** in Ft. Fairfield plans to begin operations later this month. They will employ 45 workers manufacturing industrial and food grade starch from potatoes.

Southern Maine

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Cianbro Corporation may bring up to 800 jobs to the vacant Bath Iron Works facility in Portland. The company intends to finish construction of deep-water oil rigs over a two-year period that matches the city's long-term plans for the site. ♦ **Amtrak** added Saco to its Portland-Boston route on February 19. The company also announced that initial ridership goals through January were exceeded. ♦ **New England Castings** of Hiram, the only metal casting firm of its type in Maine, re-opened in January under new ownership.

Civilian Labor Force, Employed, and Unemployed in Maine, Seasonally Adjusted (in thousands)

ITEM	2002 Jan	Dec	Nov	Oct	Sept	Aug	2001 Jul	Jun	May	Apr	Mar	Feb	Jan
Civilian Labor Force	683.1	689.1	686.0	685.0	684.5	684.0	684.0	682.7	682.6	683.2	682.6	683.6	684.8
Employed	656.7	654.9	656.6	655.6	655.3	655.4	655.8	655.2	655.5	656.7	658.6	659.8	662.4
Unemployed	26.4	29.2	29.4	29.5	29.2	28.6	28.3	27.5	27.1	26.5	24.1	23.8	22.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.9	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.2	4.1	4.0	4.0	3.9	3.5	3.5	3.3

¹ See page 2 for footnotes 1 through 4 and source.

Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment in Maine, Seasonally Adjusted¹ (in thousands)

INDUSTRY	2002 Jan	Dec	Nov	Oct	Sept	Aug	2001 Jul	Jun	May	Apr	Mar	Feb	Jan
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment ²	609.3	608.1	608.3	608.0	609.4	609.6	610.8	609.7	609.3	608.8	609.2	609.1	609.7
Construction	29.9	29.7	29.6	29.5	29.6	29.6	29.9	30.1	29.9	29.6	30.2	30.4	30.2
Manufacturing	77.4	78.0	78.3	78.8	79.6	80.3	81.1	81.4	82.1	82.6	83.4	83.7	84.1
Durable Goods	39.8	39.8	40.2	40.5	40.9	41.3	41.7	42.0	42.3	42.6	42.8	43.0	43.2
Nondurable Goods	37.6	38.2	38.1	38.3	38.7	39.0	39.4	39.4	39.8	40.0	40.6	40.7	40.9
Transportation and Public Utilities	24.7	24.4	24.5	24.5	24.5	24.8	24.8	24.7	24.6	24.7	24.8	24.8	24.9
Wholesale Trade	27.0	26.6	26.7	26.7	26.7	26.8	27.1	26.9	26.9	26.9	27.0	27.1	27.1
Retail Trade	124.3	124.1	124.3	124.4	124.6	124.7	124.8	124.5	124.5	124.3	123.7	123.6	123.8
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	33.8	33.9	33.9	33.9	33.8	33.8	33.7	33.5	33.5	33.5	33.3	33.2	33.1
Services	188.0	187.3	187.3	186.7	187.2	187.4	187.6	187.2	186.9	186.6	186.7	185.9	185.9
Government	104.1	104.0	103.6	103.4	103.3	102.1	101.7	101.3	100.8	100.5	100.0	100.3	100.5

¹ See footnotes 1 and 2 on page 6. ² Mining employment is not suitable for seasonal adjustment because it has very little seasonal and irregular movement. Thus, the not-seasonally-adjusted series is used as a component of the seasonally adjusted total nonfarm wage and salary employment estimate. Source: See page 2.

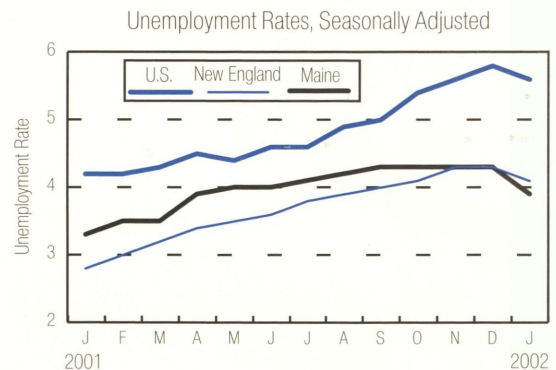
Maine Unemployment Rate Falls to 3.9 Percent in January

State Labor Commissioner Valerie Landry announced that the seasonally-adjusted January unemployment rate for Maine was 3.9 percent, down from 4.3 percent in December. The Maine unemployment rate remains well below the national rate of 5.6 percent for January.

Between December and January, seasonally-adjusted nonfarm wage and salary jobs rose by 1,200 to 609,300. Small gains in services; trade; transportation, communication, and public utilities; and construction more than offset a loss of 600 manufacturing jobs.

Between January 2001 and January 2002, the seasonally-adjusted Maine unemployment rate rose from 3.3 percent to 3.9 percent. Coincident with the increase in the unemployment rate, seasonally-adjusted nonfarm wage and salary jobs fell slightly by 400 over the year to 609,300. Manufacturing jobs declined by 6,700. Smaller job losses were recorded by construction and transportation, communications and public utilities. Mostly offsetting these losses were gains in government; services; finance, insurance, and real estate; and retail trade.

Other New England states reporting their seasonally-adjusted unemployment rates for January include Vermont, 3.7 percent, and New Hampshire, 4.0 percent. The adjusted national rate for January was 5.6 percent, down from 5.8



percent in December 2001, and up from 4.2 percent in January 2001.

The not-seasonally-adjusted Maine unemployment rate was 4.8 percent, up from 4.0 percent in December and 4.2 percent in January 2001. The unadjusted national rate was 6.3 percent, up from 5.4 percent in December and 4.7 percent in January 2001. Not-seasonally-adjusted unemployment rates in Maine counties ranged from 2.8 percent in Cumberland County to 11.0 percent in Washington County.

Not-seasonally-adjusted nonfarm wage and salary jobs in Maine fell seasonally by 22,800 between December and January to 588,900. Retail trade jobs dropped after the peak of the holiday shopping season. State and local government

Selected Regular Unemployment Compensation Program Indicators

Key Data	Jan 2002	Dec 2001	Jan 2001
Average Duration	14.5	14.4	14.1
Average Weekly Benefit Amount*	\$220.02	\$218.24	\$207.62
Exhaustees	914	807	665

* For totally unemployed claimants, excluding dependency allowances.

Weekly Initial Claims

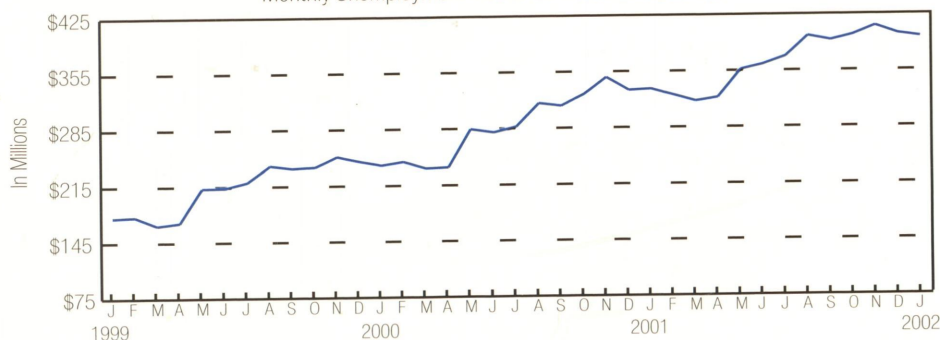
Week	2/9	2/2	1/26	1/19	1/12	1/5	12/29
2002	1,717	1,532	1,693	2,735	3,392	2,754	2,114
Week	2/10	2/3	1/27	1/20	1/13	1/6	12/30
2001	1,612	1,678	1,895	1,934	2,875	1,933	2,549

Continued Claims Less Partial*

Jan 2002	Dec 2001	Jan 2001
14,619	10,015	10,449

* For the week including the 12th of the month.

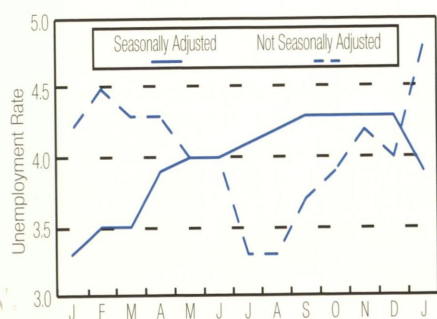
Monthly Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund Balance



and private educational services declined largely due winter vacation breaks in schools and the University system. Construction also recorded seasonal job losses.

Between January 2001 and January 2002, the number of not-seasonally-adjusted nonfarm wage and salary jobs did not change. Job growth in government; services; finance, insurance, and real estate; and retail trade was offset by a loss of 6,700 manufacturing jobs.

Unemployment Rates for Maine

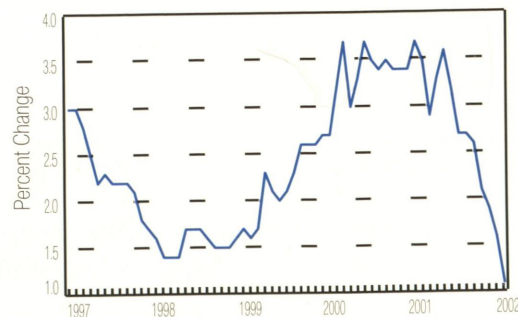


U.S. Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers (CPI-U)

Item	Jan 02	Dec 01	Jan 01	Dec 01
(1982-1984 = 100) All Items	177.1	176.7	175.1	176.7

Percent Change from Prior Month	+0.2%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+1.1%
Percent change from Last December	+0.2%

Over-the-Year Change in CPI-U



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment, Not Seasonally Adjusted (in thousands)

INDUSTRY	MAINE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	Jan 02	Dec 01	Jan 01	Jan 02	Dec 01	Jan 01	Jan 02	Dec 01	Jan 01
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment¹	588.9	611.7	588.9	152.1	159.0	150.6	45.8	47.2	46.0
Goods Producing	103.8	107.7	110.4	20.9	21.3	21.6	9.0	9.2	9.7
Mining	0.1	0.1	0.1	*	*	*	*	*	*
Construction	26.9	28.9	26.8	7.4	7.6	7.0	2.2	2.3	2.2
Building Construction	6.7	6.9	6.8	1.8	1.9	1.7	*	*	*
Heavy Construction	3.0	3.5	3.3	*	*	*	*	*	*
Special Trade Contractors	17.2	18.5	16.7	5.5	5.7	5.3	*	*	*
Manufacturing	76.8	78.7	83.5	13.5	13.7	14.6	6.8	6.9	7.5
Durable Goods	39.7	40.5	43.1	7.3	7.5	8.0	2.3	2.4	2.4
Lumber and Wood Products	9.8	9.8	10.6	*	*	*	*	*	*
Primary and Fabricated Metals	4.0	3.9	4.1	*	*	*	*	*	*
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	4.7	4.7	5.0	1.6	1.6	1.6	*	*	*
Electronic and Other Electrical Equipment	5.5	5.6	7.5	2.9	3.0	3.4	*	*	*
Transportation Equipment	10.7	10.7	10.5	*	*	*	*	*	*
Other Durable Goods	5.0	5.8	5.4	2.8	2.9	3.0	*	*	*
Nondurable Goods	37.1	38.2	40.4	6.2	6.2	6.6	4.5	4.5	5.1
Food and Kindred Products	6.2	6.5	6.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	*	*	*
Textile Mill Products	2.9	3.0	3.2	*	*	*	*	*	*
Apparel and Other Textile Products	2.1	2.3	2.3	*	*	*	*	*	*
Paper and Allied Products	12.4	12.7	12.9	*	*	*	*	*	*
Printing and Publishing	5.8	5.9	6.2	1.8	1.8	1.8	*	*	*
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	2.4	2.4	2.6	*	*	*	*	*	*
Leather and Leather Products	3.5	3.5	4.8	*	*	*	0.6	0.6	0.6
Other Nondurable Goods	1.8	1.9	1.5	2.5	2.5	2.9	3.9	3.9	4.5
Service Producing	485.1	504.0	478.5	131.2	137.7	129.0	36.8	38.0	36.3
Transportation and Public Utilities	24.1	24.5	24.3	7.1	7.3	7.1	1.8	1.8	1.8
Wholesale Trade	26.5	26.5	26.6	9.7	9.7	9.4	2.5	2.7	2.5
Retail Trade	117.4	126.1	116.9	32.9	37.2	33.4	9.0	9.8	8.9
General Merchandise Stores	11.0	12.4	11.7	*	*	*	*	*	*
Food Stores	23.5	24.2	23.0	*	*	*	*	*	*
Automotive Sales and Services	13.4	13.8	13.5	*	*	*	*	*	*
Eating and Drinking Places	32.8	34.5	32.4	8.8	9.3	8.8	*	*	*
Other Retail Trade	36.7	41.2	36.3	*	*	*	*	*	*
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	33.5	33.7	32.8	14.1	14.1	13.5	2.7	2.7	2.6
Banking	9.7	9.8	9.6	*	*	*	*	*	*
Insurance Carriers, Brokers and Agents	12.9	12.9	12.6	*	*	*	*	*	*
Other Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	10.9	11.0	10.6	*	*	*	*	*	*
Services	180.1	184.5	178.0	48.5	49.5	46.6	15.3	15.4	15.0
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	7.2	8.3	7.0	*	*	*	*	*	*
Business Services	23.0	23.9	25.2	*	*	*	*	*	*
Health Services	59.9	60.0	58.5	*	*	*	*	*	*
Educational Services	15.4	17.7	14.7	*	*	*	*	*	*
Social Services	26.8	26.8	25.6	*	*	*	*	*	*
Other Services	47.8	47.8	47.0	*	*	*	*	*	*
Government	103.5	108.7	99.9	18.9	19.9	19.0	5.5	5.6	5.5
Federal	13.9	14.1	13.8	2.4	2.6	2.5	0.3	0.3	0.3
State	25.6	29.1	25.2	4.5	5.0	4.4	0.9	0.9	0.9
Local ²	64.0	65.5	60.9	12.0	12.3	12.1	4.3	4.4	4.3

¹ Nonfarm wage and salary employment estimates include all full- and part-time wage and salary workers who worked during or received pay for the pay period which includes the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, the self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. Estimates measure the number of jobs by industry. Current month's estimates are preliminary; prior month and year-ago estimates are revised. These estimates are benchmarked to March 2001. As a measure of reliability, the March 2001 benchmark revision for total nonfarm wage and salary employment was .08 percent higher than the original sample-based estimate.

² Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months.

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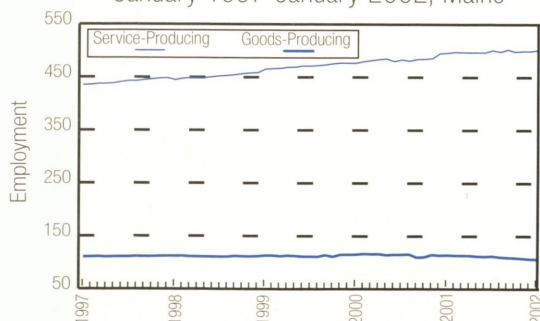
Earnings and Hours of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries¹ Not Seasonally Adjusted

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Jan 02	Dec 01	Jan 01	Jan 02	Dec 01	Jan 01	Jan 02	Dec 01	Jan 01	2000	1999	1998
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	\$642.80	\$654.94	\$600.28	41.1	42.2	41.2	\$15.64	\$15.52	\$14.57	\$15.17	\$14.28	\$13.94
Durable Goods	615.78	637.49	579.74	41.3	42.9	41.0	14.91	14.86	14.14	14.47	13.50	13.12
Lumber and Wood Products	533.12	547.13	488.45	44.8	44.7	42.4	11.90	12.24	11.52	11.83	11.42	10.84
Primary and Fabricated Metals	593.16	663.60	547.01	44.2	47.4	40.7	13.42	14.00	13.44	13.28	12.72	12.50
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	784.10	791.52	698.43	42.8	43.3	43.3	18.32	18.28	16.13	17.24	15.75	14.68
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	451.61	515.67	539.68	37.2	40.7	44.2	12.14	12.67	12.21	12.39	11.91	11.65
Transportation Equipment	746.08	749.07	734.45	37.7	40.1	37.0	19.79	18.68	19.85	19.13	18.11	17.78
Other Durable Goods	527.92	557.28	444.24	42.2	43.0	38.9	12.51	12.96	11.42	12.05	11.03	10.53
Nondurable Goods	671.99	675.21	622.24	40.9	41.5	41.4	16.43	16.27	15.03	15.90	15.10	14.82
Food and Kindred Products	478.76	488.84	469.48	42.9	44.0	44.0	11.16	11.11	10.67	11.27	10.62	10.20
Textile Mill Products	458.37	454.12	485.10	40.6	39.8	42.0	11.29	11.41	11.55	11.18	11.42	10.98
Apparel and Other Textile Products	393.88	373.76	375.24	37.8	36.5	37.3	10.42	10.24	10.06	10.34	10.21	10.01
Paper and Allied Products	988.00	1013.22	930.37	41.6	43.3	43.7	23.75	23.40	21.29	23.14	22.24	21.93
Leather and Leather Products	459.31	421.97	415.63	40.9	39.4	39.1	11.23	10.71	10.63	10.92	10.32	9.80
Other Nondurable Goods	541.32	549.84	500.28	39.0	39.5	37.9	13.88	13.92	13.20	13.50	13.02	12.66
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	555.35	562.42	524.61	42.2	43.7	43.5	13.16	12.87	12.06	12.47	12.14	11.66
LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing	582.61	590.20	547.04	40.6	41.1	41.1	14.35	14.36	13.31	13.79	12.82	12.32

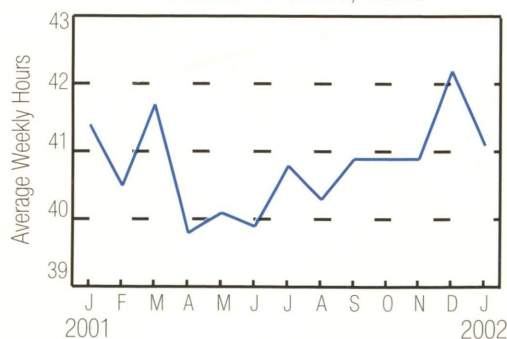
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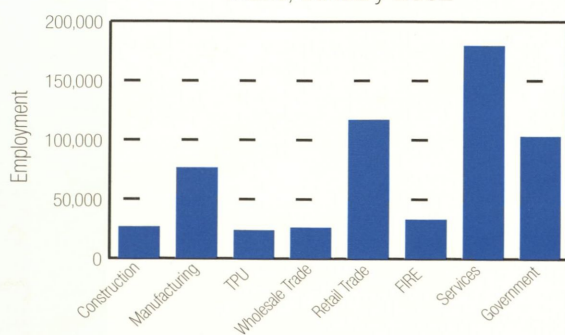
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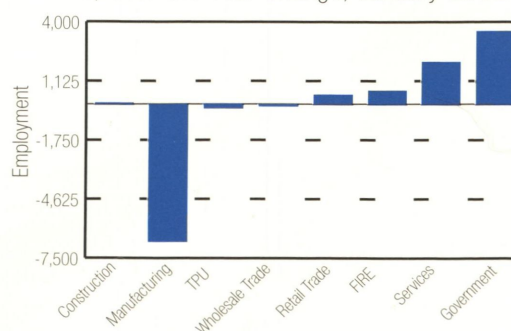
Hours Worked by Manufacturing
Production Workers, Maine²



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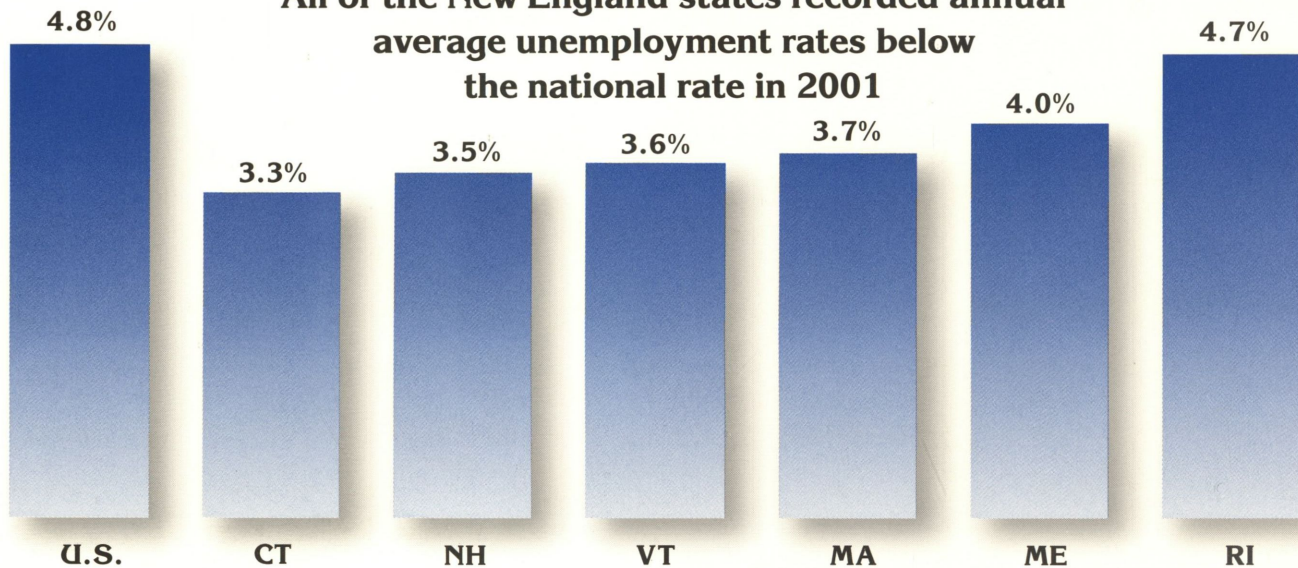


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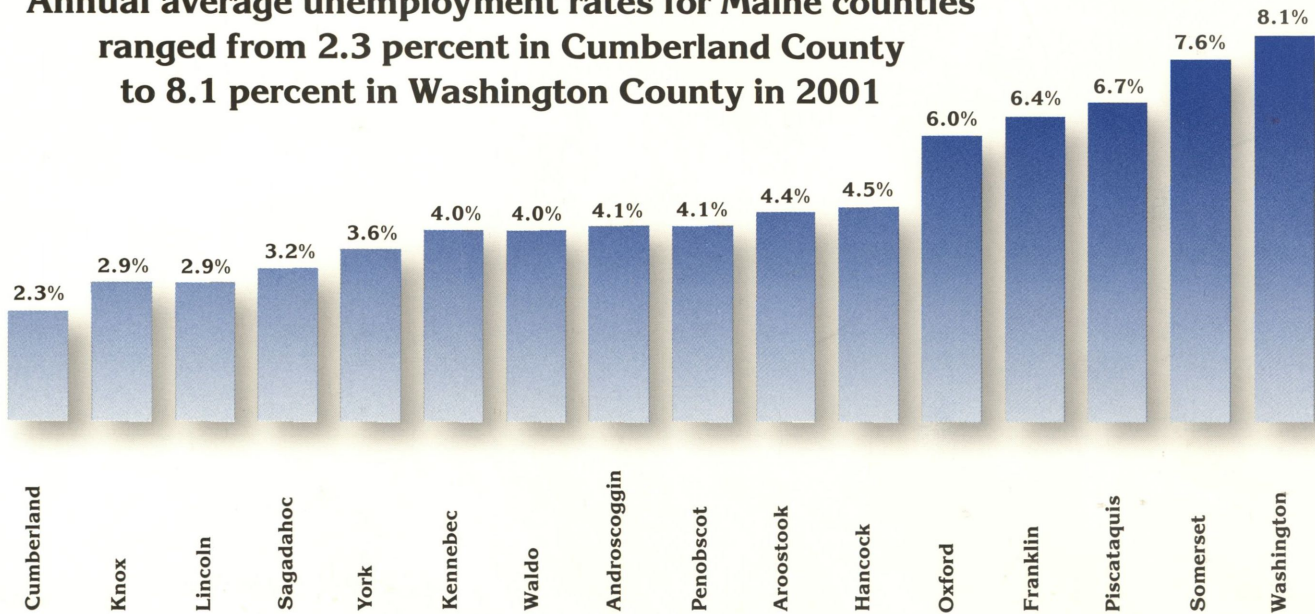


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